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For: **HEAD ASSEMBLY HAVING INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CHIP COVERED BY LAYER WHICH PREVENTS FOREIGN PARTICLE GENERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 2, 2003**, extended to **February 2, 2004** by a **one** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.